

The Middletown Transcript

Mails (Time as follows,
(Going North—7:30 a. m., 10:05 a. m., 2:50 p. m.,
4:45 p. m., and 7 p. m.
(Going South—8:00 a. m., 4:15 p. m., and 8 p. m.
For Newark—7:30 a. m., 2:30 p. m., 11:20 a. m.,
4:45 p. m., and 7 p. m.
For Newark, Cecilton and Barville 8:30 a.
m., and 4:45 p. m.

MIDDLETOWN, DEL., JULY 7, 1906.

Local News

FOR SALE—Oak extension table, with two leaves. Apply to—T. S. O'NEILL.
FOR SALE—Poultry and pigeon house 1250 feet at cost of materials. Apply to—T. S. O'NEILL.

Why do you pay more, when Montgomery sells bananas at 15c per doz.
HORSE SHOEING—Plain 75c cash. Satisfaction guaranteed. J. C. GREEN.

Leave your laundry at Jones' barber shop. The best of work and prompt service.

Don't miss that old fashioned chocolate for 20c per lb. at—MONTGOMERY'S.

After June 1st the Library hours will be as follows: Tuesday, 7 to 8:30; Saturday, 3 to 5 and 7 to 8:30.

A large variety of cakes and crackers, both loose and in packages at—BANKING'S.

House formerly occupied by John W. Jolls, deceased, for Rent. Possession March 25th, 1906. Apply to Joseph C. Jolls or John A. Jolls.

Strictly high-class dental service at moderate cost. Free examination and estimate. Dr. J. ALLEN JOHNSON, Main street, Middletown, formerly of Indianapolis.

Bananas 12c and 15c a dozen at—MONTGOMERY'S.

About fifty young people were entertained at the home of W. Taylor Barnett on North Board street, on Friday evening last. Dancing and other amusements were indulged in. Refreshments were served.

Pneumatic Tire Runabout and Phaeton Cart with rubber tires, also good leather buggy top for sale cheap. All in good order and sold only for want of use. J. C. PARKER & SONS CO.

The Ladies' Aid of Bethel M. E. Church will hold a festival on the lawn of Mr. Jewel, near St. Augustine, Md., Wednesday evening, July 4th, 1906. All are invited to attend.

By authority of the Post Office Department the local post office will close during the months of July and August at 7 o'clock P. M. The mail will be dispatched at 8 o'clock as usual.

WANTED—A thoroughly experienced saleslady; one capable of taking full charge of Dry Goods and notion store. Must come well recommended. W. T. DEVALINGER, Townsend, Del.

Counterfeit five-cent pieces are being circulated in Delaware. They differ, it is said, from the genuine, in that they are lighter and slipperier to the touch. The Federal authorities have begun an investigation.

EGGS FOR THE FARMER AND FARMER—Standard bred Rock Comb Rhode Island Reds, the best and most profitable bird for all purposes, excellent layers of brown eggs, and unsurpassed as market fowls. Write or call for prices. C. P. COCHRAN, Middletown, Del.

If you are looking for the best general purpose chicken in this country buy a few settings of our Columbian Wyandotte eggs. I have the best strain of Columbian in America and will only offer a few settings for sale. JOHN A. JOLLS, Middletown, Del.

NOTICE—I have voluntarily resigned my position with Wm. Davidson, 1218 French St., Wilmington, Del., and am now affiliated with the Standard Granite Co., 700-702 Delaware Ave., Wilmington, Del., and shall be pleased to serve my friends as faithfully as in the past. C. FRANK DAVIDSON.

For Mason's jars, jar tops and jelly glasses go to—BANKING'S.

Unclaimed Letters—The following list of letters remain unclaimed in the post-office for the week ending June 28th: Mrs. Martha Dale, Mrs. Charles Hallows, W. A. Whelan.

One thing about a printing office never stops. Expense—and plenty of it. It is necessary, therefore, for income to be as regular. Our subscribers will please bear this in mind and help to make the "wheels go round."

The ladies of the Library Committee will be grateful to any one who will donate a "History of Delaware" to the Library. The book can be left at the Library, or at THE TRANSCRIPT OFFICE.

A special meeting of Middletown Camp, No. 10288 Modern Woodmen of America will be held in McWhorter's Hall, Tuesday evening, July 10th, at 8 o'clock. S. E. LAWS, Counsel.

Mrs. Ruth Rhodes for several years one of the able instructors of the Middletown High School, has declined re-election, and the board will have a vacancy. There are several applicants for the position, and the School Board will make a selection in a short time.

Mr. W. S. Letterbury informs us that the last summer car which was used on the O. & M. Railway during the summer of 1904, was shipped from Lancaster, Pa., on Monday, and is expected to arrive here in a few days. This car will be used on extra occasions to enable the road to carry large crowds between Middletown and Odessa.

The New Castle County Levy Court has directed Comptroller Chandler to notify the tax collectors that they must gather in the delinquent taxes by September 1st, or the Court will proceed on their bonds.

The Fourth of July was rather a quiet day in Middletown and many of our people left early in the day for other towns, where various kinds of amusements were advertised. The Steiner Club made a special excursion to Washington Park and Philadelphia and the inducements offered by Dover, Elkton, Cecilton and Townsend each attracted some. Business was suspended most of the day, and by 1 o'clock in the afternoon scarcely a business place could be found open. We are happy to say that not a single accident of any kind has been heard of from the use of fireworks, and that a drunken man was observed on the streets during the entire day. It was the quietest, most undemonstrative day of the festival to Middletown for many years.

Judge George Gray has been agreed upon as trustee of Delaware College on behalf of the college, and has accepted the office, which is considered one of high honor in Delaware. The choice of Judge Gray besides the addition of his great mind and heart to the college board and college's future life, is deemed especially fitting as his grandfather, George Caldwell Gray, was one of the founders of Delaware College. Judge Gray himself is a Princeton man.

Workmen are engaged in placing the new clock in the cupola of Forest Presbyterian Church, the gift of Mrs. Frances C. Comegys. The clock will be dedicated to-morrow (Sunday) and the tablet will be unveiled at the same time by Mrs. Comegys two sons, Dr. R. A. Comegys and Joseph Comegys. The trustees of the Church realize that the generous donor in erecting this memorial is not only manifesting his love for his parents and his affection for the Church with which he is identified, but that she is revealing how near to her heart is her native town.

"Keep it out of the paper" is the cry which the local newspaper publisher daily hears. To oblige often costs considerable, though the party who makes the request thinks the granting scarcely worth saying "thank you" for. A newspaper is a peculiar thing in the public's eye. The news gatherer is scorned at because he gets hold of one item and is abused because he does not get another. Young men and often young women as well as older persons, perform acts which become legitimate items for publication and then rush to the newspaper office and beg the editor not to notice their escapade. The next day they condemn the same paper for not having published another party doing the same thing they were guilty of, forgetting apparently their late visit to the newspaper office.

LITTLE FOLKS WERE ENTERTAINED

About fifty young people—some of them so young that their mamma had to take them in their baby coaches, were entertained on Wednesday afternoon, from 5 to 7:30, at the home of the Misses Beaton on Cass street. The party was given for Masters Frank Howell Tyson and Walter Johnston Beaton. The porches and tables were trimmed with bunting and flags, and made a pretty picture. Games were played, even "jeep frog" being indulged in by some of the larger boys. The chicken patties, rolls, ice cream and cake were most enjoyed by the young folks and a bag of candy presented to each one. A small flag from the center of each plate of ice cream afterward decorated the small boys' caps.

Among the small guests were: Helen, Kendall, Edwin and Harris McDowell, Alfred and Laura Connelley, John Hoffer, Jr., John Hukill, Alden Parker, Allen and June Johnson, Helen Barnard, Jessie Shepherd, Mildred Vaughan, Mildred Rodgers, Margaret Pleasanton, Edna Aikin, Frances McCoy, Anna Connelley, Marian Holten, Hattie and Esther Cochran, Grace and Clara Brady, Letitia Paul, Jennie Cochran, Henrietta Schroder, Katharine Goodland, Charles Howell, Burton Pearson, Nellie Janvier, Marian and Frances Armstrong, Bingham Myers, Helen and Frank McWhorter, Clayton Draper, Charlotte Peeverly.

RESCUE AT DELAWARE CITY

William Gannon, an expert diver employed on a dredge at work in the Delaware river channel, covered himself with glory at Delaware City Wednesday by heroically rescuing Sergeant Winne, stationed at Fort DuPont, from drowning in the Delaware and Chesapeake canal.

Sergeant Winne tumbled into the water about fifteen feet outside of the locks and immediately sank. He had come up once, feet foremost, when Gannon appeared on the scene. Three times the intrepid diver sprang into the canal, diving straight to the bottom, and it was not until the last time he dived that his efforts were rewarded.

Opening his eyes under water, Gannon saw a hand outstretched toward him and grasping it, rose to the surface. Willing hands assisted the rescuer and his unconscious burden to the bank and members of Sergeant Winne's own company then proceeded to roll him on a barrel. Their efforts were rewarded with success, and in a half hour Winne was again amongst the living.

SUNDAY TRAINS TO STAY

Sunday trains will continue to run on the Delaware Railroad in spite of the protests and petitions of the committee of ministers marshalled by the State Temperance Alliance. This is the report which has gone forth from the officers of the Pennsylvania Railroad officials. Those in charge of the petitions did not present them as announced this week, and from various sources we learn that the movement has failed to get the support of the people. In Smyrna the women refused to take any part in the movement. Many ministers who first favored the attempt to stop trains, have taken another view of the matter, and it is now only the fanatics who are agitating the matter. But the trains are a great convenience to the people.

Musie to be Taught in District Schools

The State Board of Education, Governor Len presiding, has adopted the natural music course and added books numbered from one to five to the public school curriculum. Thus every public school is to become an old fashioned singing school and here and there additional responsibilities are added for the teacher. The State Board made two other additions to the curriculum for the next year. Pragma's Art Education is added and one copy of Webster's Collegiate Dictionary is to be supplied to every grammar school.

The School Election
Much interest was taken Saturday afternoon last in the election of two members of the board of Education. The election was to fill the terms of M. B. Burris and J. W. Jolls, deceased, both of whose terms had expired. There were four names mentioned and voted for with the following result:

M. B. Burris.....48 votes
Dr. Chas. A. Ritchie.....51 votes
Frederick Brady.....19 votes
William T. Connelley.....19 votes

CHURCH NOTES

The Young Peoples Society of Christian Endeavor of Forest Presbyterian Church, meets every Sunday evening at 6:45 o'clock. A cordial invitation is extended to everybody. The topic for to-morrow evening is "Forgiving and being forgiven." Matt. 6:14-15. Leader, Miss S. M. Ellison.

PERSONALITIES

Miss Eliza C. Green is visiting friends in Easton, Md.

Mr. E. B. Jones spent Sunday with Philadelphia friends.

Mr. C. P. Cochran was in Kennedysville, Md., on Tuesday.

Mrs. Phoebe Myers is visiting her aunt, Mrs. W. T. Connelley.

Miss Mary Lockwood Price is spending two weeks in Rehoboth.

Mrs. Mary Vandegrift is entertaining Mrs. Clark, of Cecilton, Md.

Miss Clara Willis has returned home after a visit to Wilmington friends.

Miss Anna Cox has returned home after a visit with Moore friends.

Miss Sylvia Moore, of Cheltenham, Pa., is home for the Summer vacation.

Messrs. Royden Wilson and Warner Taylor spent Wednesday in Clayton.

Miss Daisy Scott, of Wilmington, is the guest of Miss Dora Evans, near town.

Mrs. Julia B. Kelley, of New Egypt, N. J., is visiting Mrs. George D. Kelley.

Misses Estella and Frances Beaton have been visiting friends in Chester town, Md.

Mr. and Mrs. Albert L. Massey and son Albert, Jr., are spending some time in town.

Mrs. Harry Downey, of Smyrna, was the guest of relatives here part of this week.

Mr. Charles Ernest, of Philadelphia, was the guest of friends here part of this week.

Miss Bernice Metten was the guest of Philadelphia friends several days this week.

Mr. and Mrs. L. G. Sterner spent the Fourth in town, with Mr. and Mrs. J. C. Parker.

Mr. Grandon Reed, of Wilmington, was entertained by friends here on the Fourth.

Gilpin Massey, of Wilmington, was the guest of his brother, S. E. Massey, on the Fourth.

Messrs. Elwood Banning and Albert Pearce were Wilmington visitors the Fourth.

Mr. F. S. McWhorter, of Riverton, N. J., is visiting Mr. and Mrs. J. F. McWhorter.

Dr. Martin Barr, of Elwyn, Pa., is the guest of his mother, Mrs. A. M. Barr, on Cass street.

Mr. Oscar T. Whitlock, of New York City, spent Sunday and Monday at his home here.

Master Harry DeValinger, of Granogue, is the guest of his brother, Mr. Leon DeValinger and wife.

Mr. and Mrs. Daniel Bacon and son, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with Mr. and Mrs. James Crouch.

Mr. G. E. Hukill and family spent the Fourth with her mother, Mrs. Jonathan K. Williams, near Odessa.

Mr. and Mrs. Horatio N. Willis are guests at the home of their father, Mr. Merritt N. Willis near town.

Mr. and Mrs. Raymond Wilson, of Philadelphia, spent the Fourth with his brother, Mr. H. R. Wilson.

Miss Sallie G. Crossland, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth with her brother, Mr. and Mrs. J. Z. Crossland.

Mrs. Conlyn Elison has returned to her home in Baltimore after a visit with her aunt, Mrs. Margaret Clayton.

Mrs. Louise McColligan and grandson, Mr. James A. Leavelle, spent Wednesday with relatives in Wilmington.

Mr. Herman Wilson, of Philadelphia, spent several days this week with his parents, Mr. and Mrs. Isaac Wilson.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Shapley and daughter, of Smyrna, spent the Fourth with her mother, Mrs. Julia Holten.

Dr. R. A. Comegys, of Smyrna, and Joseph P. Comegys, of Philadelphia, visited their parents here on the Fourth.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas H. Davis spent several days this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kerslaw, in Port Penn.

Mrs. T. J. Bowes and daughters, Misses Susie and Alice, of Philadelphia, are spending the Summer with her brother, Mr. J. C. Alston.

Mr. and Mrs. Warren Cochran and daughter Jennie, of Washington, D. C., have been visiting Mrs. Howard A. Pool, near McDonough.

Mr. and Mrs. William H. Dukes, of Baltimore, Md., spent several days of this week with Mr. and Mrs. George F. Lee, at "Evergreen Farm."

Mrs. William Carey and son John, of Wilmington, who have been spending sometime with her sister, Mrs. Joseph C. Jolls, left for Camden, N. J., Friday, where they will spend sometime.

CECILTON

Miss Carrie Roe, of Massey, is spending a few days with Miss Jennie Price.

Harry Budd, of Wilmington, spent over Sunday with his parents in town.

Benjamin Jackson, of Greensboro, has returned home after visiting E. S. Short and family.

Miss Jessie Smith is spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Joseph Atwell, in Betterton.

William Morris and wife, of Wilmington, spent one day last week with relatives in town.

Miss Beulah Fillmore has returned from visiting her cousin, Mrs. Edgar Pearce in Philadelphia.

Mrs. William H. Alderson and son have been spending several days with her sister, Mrs. Thomas Van Baskirk, in Baltimore.

Mr. and Mrs. T. L. Davis and children, Misses Alice, Maud and Triston, of Wilmington, spent a few days with her parents, T. P. Hoover and wife.

Woman Drowned in Canal
Mrs. Mary Prousal, aged 60 years, wife of Jacob Prousal, a respected citizen of Chesapeake City, was drowned early Monday morning in the Chesapeake and Delaware canal at Chesapeake City.

MAINTAINING FRUIT CROP IN DELAWARE

The Pennsylvania Railroad Company's agents completed their official estimates of the coming peach crop Monday night, a work that has taken days and nights, and the total figures show an approach to the great 5,000,000 mark of 1875. They show over half that number, or 2,500,000, fully 200 per cent. greater than last year and 100 per cent. greater than any yield during the last decade. The Pennsylvania estimate is prepared by Special Agent Isaac N. Mills, for years the superintendent of the entire Delaware Railroad system, and who was retired that he might continue with the company in this valuable services and capacity—that of the peach crop estimator. A mistaken estimate would cost the company millions of dollars, especially if it were too high, as the company proceeds to equip or build cars for this work, the ordinary freight cars being unsuitable for the transportation of this delicate fruit unless they are "shelved," or provided with a series of floors, one above the other so that no baskets of peaches can possibly be packed upon each other. The "June drop" always interferes with Mr. Mills' estimates and delays their preparation. He cannot make out his final reports until the June drop has spent itself usually about the middle of the last week in June. This last gamut which the fruit must run lasted long and was heavier this year than at any time within a decade. It spent itself last week, however, and the peaches began to ripen. Special Agent Mills was assisted in his work by nearly every station agent in the employ of the "Pennsy."

PORT PENN

Miss Goldy Voshell is visiting relatives in Wilmington.

Miss Zora Zachris spent Saturday with friends in Wilmington.

John H. Yearseley caught a shad of nice size last week in a small mesh net.

Miss Annie Long, of Philadelphia, is being entertained at the home of William Dyer.

Rev. J. Harry Mitchell and wife are spending a few days in the family of Mr. John Zachris.

Mr. and Mrs. George Lockerman, of Camden, N. J., spent part of this week with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Samuel Kershaw.

Mr. and Mrs. James Bradley, of Wilmington, and Mr. Cary, of Middletown, spent Monday at the home of Rufus S. Yearseley.

Mrs. Carrie R. Parker, wife of the late I. W. C. Parker of Atlanta, Fla., arrived at the home of her father, Joseph Cleaver, in Delaware City, last week.

The bell on the Presbyterian Church was tolled on Sunday afternoon at the hour when funeral services were being held over the remains of one of the Elders, in Milford.

Messrs. H. M. Faunce and Arthur V. Yearseley will represent Washington Camp, No. 12, P. O. S. of A., at the State Camp, which will convene in Wilmington on August 7th.

There being no minister at the Presbyterian Church, Mr. William McMullin, Jr., of the Session read a patriotic sermon last Sunday morning from the text: "I am a man which am a Jew of Tarsus, a city in Cilicia, a citizen of no mean city."

Children's Day services were held in the Presbyterian Church last Sunday evening by the Sabbath School with singing and recitations, carrying out a pretty and interesting programme. The officers and scholars are to be congratulated upon their success. A good audience was in attendance.

Mr. Willard H. Hall died at the home of his brother-in-law, Mr. Robert B. Grier in Salisbury, Md., on Friday, June 29th, after an illness of several months. He came to this place in 1896 from Lewes, to assume charge of the new light house just constructed within the village, and continued in office after its removal about two miles above on the river front, until May 15th last. He was a highly respected citizen, a member of the School Board, of Washington Camp, No. 12, P. O. S. of A., a prominent member of the Presbyterian Church and one of its Elders and much esteemed by all his acquaintances. He leaves a wife, the daughter of the late Thomas F. Dilworth, and a son and two daughters, all children of a former wife. Interment was made at Milford on Sunday last.

ST. GEORGES

James H. S. Gam was in Delaware City on Thursday.

Miss Violet Gray spent part of last week with friends in Wilmington.

Miss Retta Moore, of Wilmington, spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Mr. James T. Wood, of Easton, Md., is a guest of Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Brewington.

Miss Amanda Moore spent last week with her sister, Mrs. Harry Dot, of Wilmington.

Mr. and Mrs. Roberts spent the Fourth with her parents, Mr. and Mrs. Laws, in Glasgow.

Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dot, of Wilmington, are visiting her parents, Mr. and Mrs. John Moore.

Mrs. Louis Racine, of Porter, was the guest of her sister, Miss Clarence Barnett, on Wednesday.

Mr. Benjamin Truax is visiting his daughter, Mr. and Mrs. Walter Lynch, of Iron Hill, Md.

Mrs. Albert Crompton, of Kirkwood, was the guest of her aunt, Mrs. Mary Thompson, on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. Fred Sutton, of Wilmington, were the guests of Mr. and Mrs. A. N. Sutton on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles Krounher, of Odessa, spent Tuesday with his sister, Mr. and Mrs. Frank Shovel.

Miss Lillian Brewington, of Philadelphia, spent Wednesday with her parents, Rev. and Mrs. J. A. Brewington.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Crossland, of Salem, N. J., spent the Fourth at the home of her mother, Mrs. Laura F. Jones.

Mr. and Mrs. William April and son William were entertained at the home of his sister, Mr. and Mrs. John Crompton.

Edward Gam, a small boy was fighting a pin wheel on the Fourth when it exploded, burning him about the face severely.

Miss Anna Stewart entertained on Wednesday her uncle and aunt, Mr. and Mrs. William Stewart, Miss Helen Stewart and Sue Blymer, Mr. George Stewart, of Philadelphia and Mrs. C. S. Smith, of Porter.

WARWICK

The 4th passed off quietly in our town. Mrs. Anna Wilson is slowly convalescing.

Miss Willie Aikin is confined to her room.

Miss Ella Price is visiting Mrs. Henry Crawford.

Miss Amy Piser is visiting her brother John near town.

Senior Endeavor prayer meeting to-morrow at 7:30 o'clock.

Rev. Frank S. Cain is entertaining his sister at the M. P. Parsonage.

Miss Anna Cohee, of Fredericktown, is visiting Mrs. Charles Flintum.

A carriage containing ladies was overturned on Main street on Sunday.

Mr. and Mrs. L. H. Breka visited Miss A. Estella Marsh during the past week.

Mrs. Harry Aiken is spending this week with her sister, Mrs. John H. M. Garner.

Miss Helen Eaton who has been visiting Wilmington and Farnhurst has returned home.

The Senior Endeavor Society met at the home of Mrs. B. S. Hall on Wednesday evening last.

D. W. Wilson returned to his home in Wilmington on Monday after a brief visit with his parents.

Mrs. C. Richard Manlove is entertaining Miss Anna Flegun and friend, of the Quaker City.

Mr. and Mrs. D. S. Cannon, of Philadelphia, are visiting at the home of Mrs. Mary A. Lofland.

Miss Bessie R. Merritt was the guest of her parents, Dr. and Mrs. J. S. Merritt, at Golt, on Sunday.

Master R. D. Aiken who was overcome by the heat on Saturday is now able to be up from his bed.

A number of our town people attended the races at Past Time Driving Park, Townsend, Del., on the 4th.

Mr. Alfred V. Lofland, of Philadelphia, is spending his annual vacation with Maryland and Delaware relatives.

Mr. John Lattamons had as his guests on Sunday Ex-Mayor Black, of Chester, accompanied by Mr. Edward Noching and Mr. Smith, of Smyrna, Del.

Prof. Guy Johnson, D. P., will visit Warwick, Md., on the 10th inst., at which time he will install the newly elected officers of Washington Camp, No. 8, P. O. S. of A.

While unharassing his horse in the lane of Mr. John Lattamons on Tuesday morning, Mr. David Lynam of Middletown, was unfortunate enough to have both shafts broken from his buggy, his horse running through an open door tearing the harness loose as he ran.

TOWNSEND

Harry Hart, of Philadelphia, is visiting in town.

Mrs. D. P. Hutchison was in Philadelphia Saturday.

Miss Mary Money is spending sometime in Philadelphia.

Mr. D. P. Hutchison and family were in Wilmington recently.

Mr. Leonard Dickinson, of Wilmington, spent the Fourth in town.

Mr. Findly, of Buffalo, N. Y., is the guest of Capt. George Wiggins.

Calvin Outton who is employed in Wilmington, spent Wednesday here.

Mr. and Mrs. J. A. Hart entertained the Townsend Aid Tuesday evening.

Sereck Wilson, of Westminster, Md., spent several days in town this week.

Miss Beulah Hodgson is visiting her friend, Miss Mabel Hudson in Wyoming.

The Union Aid was entertained Friday evening by Mr. and Mrs. Thomas Townsend.

William Watts and wife, of Philadelphia, visited Mr. and Mrs. W. N. Watts this week.

Frank Hutchison left Friday for Cleveland, O., where he will spend the rest of the Summer.

Miss Ella Maloney has been visiting friends and relatives in Philadelphia and Roxborough.

THE CODDINGTON CIPHER

BY ALDEN W. QUIMBY

I shall probably not return until Saturday, Miss Bell. If Barker concludes to take those Northern Ohio bonds of Maxton's, it will only be necessary for you to write an order on the "Fidelity." I told Clarke that I would be absent for several days, and requested him to honor your requisition for the package. Thus saying, Mr. Sanderlin McWilliams bade his amanuensis and typewriter good-morning, and departed. Venie Bell, quite accustomed to such directions, settled herself in her revolving chair and gave her attention to her daily round of duty.

That was a memorable Christmas upon which Venie received a "Coddington" typewriter from her discriminating Uncle Frank. Neither before nor since had she experienced such pleasure in the contemplation of a gift.

Besides, it was a turning point in the girl's career. She was a graduate of the city high-school with aspirations for a college course, but without means to gratify her desire; and her accomplishments on the "machine" had procured for her a trial position in Mr. McWilliams's office, which soon developed into a permanency.

However, it was not only her skill in operating the typewriter which procured her favor, but her business methods as well. Neat in person and tidy about her desk, systematic in the performance of her various duties, bright and intelligent instead of listless and inane, she justly won the high regard of her employer, who, after a few months' observation of her work, looked upon her as a very trustworthy private secretary.

Venie had a particular typewriter friend, Miss Victoria Huber, otherwise "Vicky," employed in the office of the "Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Company," where Mr. McWilliams kept his bank account. Chums at school, their friendship grew with their years, and many an evening found one at the home of the other, or both at some meeting of the Young People's Society of their church.

Venie and Vicky both used the "Coddington" typewriter. The type-shuttle, in a space of three by one-half inches, contained about one hundred characters, which were arranged in three rows. There were thirty keys, twenty-six of which bore the letters of the alphabet, and each was capable of making three characters. All the small letters were on the first row of the shuttle, and to make the capitals it was simply necessary to use a lever, which lifted the second row into place; while to produce figures and symbols, another lever raised the third row into position. For instance, little "a" was made by touching a key operating the first row; big "A" by the same key, using the first lever; and "7" by the same key, employing the second lever.

It was not long before Venie and Vicky devised what they mysteriously termed the "Coddington Cipher." It was very simple, for it only required a moment's adjustment of the second lever, so that the third row of figures and symbols would be produced, and then to spell out the desired words on the keys. Persons not in the secret were bewildered and baffled in trying to decipher the meaning of 7 28-3 3 9(2777 8 Sec-8-87. How could they be expected to surmise that it was the expression of the familiar holiday wish for "A Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year?"

It was about two o'clock Tuesday afternoon. Mr. McWilliams had been absent just one day, and Miss Bell was at her desk, busily engaged with her books and bills. She had sent Danny, the office boy, up-town with a reply to a correspondent, and was therefore alone. She wondered why Mr. Barker did not turn up, for her employer had spoken confidently of his probable purchase of Mr. Maxton's bonds.

The broker's office was quite a spacious apartment on the second floor of the Bullock Building, on Montreal Street. It was well lighted by large windows of French plate that looked out on lawyers' and brokers' offices in profusion, and an endless moving throng of business men and clerks. The buildings on the opposite side of the street were tall, and Venie prized the bit of azure sky that she could see over them in her rest moments.

Venie was a trifle weary, and dropping her accounts for a few minutes, she turned away from

the door that led into the hall to the relief afforded by the windows. It was a chilly day in autumn, and the windows were closed, but the afternoon sunshine which fell upon the windows was so bright that the shades were partly drawn.

Venie had been dreamily gazing into space for a very few moments, when she heard the door open, and she naturally supposed that it was Danny. An instant later her quick ear detected the snapping of the deadlatch, which surprised her, and without turning she mentally queried, "What can Danny be looking people out for? It was done so leisurely, however, that she wheeled about to question the youth, and as she came in view of the door she was startled at the sight of a stranger within a few feet of her desk.

At once Venie felt a premonition of danger, the click of the doorlatch being its signal. The visitor was a man of about thirty with an intelligent face, which plainly showed signs of dissipation. He wore rather shabby garments, and did not look particularly prosperous.

Venie could not conjecture the character of the evil she feared. There were no valuables outside the safe, except a trifling sum in the cash drawer; and for that matter there was nothing in the safe but papers, which would be of no value to anyone but their owners. However, she was not left in suspense long.

I have come for those Northern Ohio bonds; Mr. McWilliams said you would give me an order on the "Fidelity" for them, said the intruder, quite calmly, although in an unusually low tone, as he glanced hurriedly about the room. I am somewhat in a hurry, and will be obliged if you will not detain me, he said.

Venie was greatly surprised. She knew Mr. Barker very well, and was not aware that the visitor was employed by him, or was connected with his business in any way. It was too serious a matter about which to make a mistake, for the package contained twenty-five bonds, each of the denomination of one thousand dollars, and which were selling far above par, the interest being at the rate of six per cent. in gold. They were probably worth thirty thousand dollars, and were practically as negotiable as greenbacks or gold to a dishonest person.

The girl hesitated to reply, but finally she asked: Have you an order from Mr. McWilliams? No; but he met Mr. Barker on the New York train yesterday, and agreed to give him the bonds; so the matter is all right.

Venie could scarcely believe her senses, but she had taken the alarm, for the affair had a suspicious look, and in a second she saw the safe path.

Excuse me, but I cannot furnish you the bonds without an order from Mr. McWilliams, or a receipt from Mr. Barker.

Not if I give you a receipt in Mr. Barker's name? Only, as I have already said, upon a receipt from Mr. Barker himself.

Venie shivered as the scene approached a dramatic climax.

I am sorry to use this argument, Miss, but I must have the order or— Here the fellow produced a revolver.

The girl was terribly frightened; her face blanched and she could scarcely command herself, but her thoughts flowed rapidly. Shall I give him an order on the "Seventh National," which is far up-town, and then run around to the "Fidelity" and make sure of the bonds, or shall I try to detain him until Danny comes?

The intruder evidently read her thoughts, and said, very sternly: There must be no trifling with me; you know the penalty. I want the order at once—on the "Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Company," where the bonds are stored.

Venie was in despair. Again she remembered the click of the deadlatch; it meant that Danny could not come in, because he had no key. Even Mr. McWilliams could not enter, for in all probability the little slide had been pushed to prevent a key from opening the door. Life was very sweet, yet she could not endure the prospect of being privy to such a crime.

Perhaps it was the shining steel barrel of the pistol that quickened her meditations; at all events, an inspiration seized her,

so suddenly and hopefully that she feared the would-be robber would notice it in the expression of her face.

With trembling hands she took up a sheet of paper and placed it between the rollers of the typewriter, then adjusting the lever that controlled the row of figures and symbols, her skilled fingers played upon the keys as follows: \$0 19'8 " " 10'8(67 " 8(11 " 8'27'6.

Stop, exclaimed the man; write what I dictate to you.

Jennie did not remove the sheet, but merely rolled it up a little, her heart now bounding with hope. She looked at him, pausing in her manipulation of the instrument.

He dictated: "The Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Co. "Please deliver to bearer the package containing twenty-five Northern Ohio Railway bonds, sizes, left in your keeping by Mr. McWilliams."

Now add "Yours truly" and sign your name.

When this was done, he commanded: Next, one of Mr. McWilliams's office envelopes, addressed to the company.

Venie saw that she had no ordinary villain to deal with, and reluctantly procured an envelope which she addressed to:

Y. HUBER, Fidelity Trust and Safe Deposit Co.

The man glanced at it and nodded his head in approval; then he said, I regret to have to be discourteous to you, but it cannot be helped. Remember, an outcry will be fatal.

Even as he spoke, he fastened the girl's wrists with a pair of handcuffs. Then he used a gag, to prevent her from calling out. Finally he tied her person to a hollow iron pillar in the center of the room. It was all done dexterously, in much less time than is required to tell it; and without further words the rascal was off, having locked the door with a key found in the lock, as well as having sprung the deadlatch.

The time seemed interminable to Venie, but it was really not more than five minutes before she heard someone turn the door-knob, and whoever was there tried several times to open the door. She presumed it was Danny, but was unable to utter a sound.

The gag was decidedly uncomfortable, and her confinement disagreeable; however, Venie had not lost nerve in her strange plight, and her only thought was to attract Danny's attention, so he would devise some plan of entering the room; in this way the thief might yet be defeated in his scheme. But Venie forgot that the "Fidelity" building was less than a square distant, and that unless a long line of patrons preceded him he had probably received his booty already; that is, if Vicky had failed to comprehend the situation.

Fortunately, the girl's feet were free, and she discovered that she could strike the cast-iron post with her boot heels, even though she could not walk, so she tapped vigorously, hoping to impress the person at the door that the room had an occupant.

Are you there, Miss Bell? queried Danny.

There was no response but a peculiar clicking sound.

Is anything the matter with you? asked Danny.

There was another emphatic tap, just one, which Danny was shrewd enough to interpret as "Yes," and he lost no time in planning to find out the trouble. He argued with the janitor that it would be an easy matter to climb out one of the windows in the next office, crawl along the cornice in front, and enter the McWilliams office through the window. But before he could carry out his idea a clerk from the "Fidelity" building came hurrying up the stairs.

When the "bearer" of Venie's order reached the Safe Deposit rooms, he handed his valuable envelope to the proper clerk. That officer was about to open it, when he noticed with some surprise that it bore Miss Huber's name, and he handed it to her instead.

Vicky took it, recognizing the handwriting of Venie. When she drew out the order her eyes fell first upon the "Coddington Cipher." It was a great wonder that her face did not betray her as she translated it, and to her amazement read: Do not give the bonds. Arrest the man.

But something kept her from a premature exposure of the matter, for with a remarkable intuition she divined the true state of affairs, and she replied, with self-possession, Just a moment, sir, if you please. I will see Mr. Spence, and be back at once.

The man was scrutinizing her sharply. Quite ignoring him, she smiled at Mr. Clarke, who

first received the envelope, and remarked, carelessly: You ought to have been at the lecture last night. Stoddart was at his best; besides, the church cleared a hundred dollars. Then she walked calmly toward the door of the deposit room, and turned the angle of a row of vaults.

Meantime, the "bearer" was congratulating himself upon an easy victory. In a moment he would be in possession of a comparative fortune, the result of merely keeping his ears open on a railway train, and interpreting an unguarded conversation between McWilliams and Mr. Barker. He did not know that the girl had gone to the watchman at the iron gate, and that a single sentence from her caused the guard to close and lock the gate noiselessly. Then she came back to Mr. Clarke's desk, and without even glancing at the sharper she said, Mr. Clarke, will you take this? at the same time handing him a slip of paper upon which was written the words: Thief; grab him!

The "bearer" who was still unsuspecting, although chafing at the delay—for minutes seemed hours—did not notice that the watchman was approaching him. At the same time Mr. Clarke moved quietly to his side; but the instant the latter touched his arm he comprehended that he was in a trap, and breaking away from the clerk, he dashed for the door. Alack-a-day! it was locked. Then he ran up and down the vault corridor, hoping to find a window through which he might escape. Every window was barred, and the watchman was at his heels. For a moment he thought of drawing his weapon, but seeing that the watchman had a pistol in readiness, he wisely succumbed to fate.

It was Vicky, of course, who thought of her friend; and it was Mr. Clarke who, after locking his vaults, hurried around to the Bullock Building.

Danny's plan of getting in the window was adopted, and very soon Venie was released from her unpleasant predicament, none the worse, physically or mentally, for she was too sensible to be hysterical.

The apprehension and punishment of the audacious impostor followed duly. Mr. McWilliams was astonished to hear of the incident when he returned to the office, after a successful trip. He had a dim recollection of having seen the fellow on the train, in a seat behind him and Mr. Baker. Of course the broker was proud of his clerk, and Mr. Maxton, the owner of the bonds, was so impressed with the level-headedness of the two girls that he insisted upon rewarding them handsomely.

Venie was reluctant to accept any compensation for simply performing her duty; but her employer advised it, and she deposited the sum with the "Fidelity" people at a moderate rate of interest, smilingly saying that they had proved their right to their title; and the brave and quick-witted girl had the satisfaction of seeing her college course much nearer at hand.

As for Vicky, she invested her reward in reducing a mortgage on her elderly parents' cosy home. And to this day both girls bless the "Coddington Cipher."

WASHINGTON LETTER

WASHINGTON, D. C., June 20th, 1906. CONGRESS and the President are taking leave of each other in a much better frame of mind than could have been expected from their meeting last year. There has been a conflict of strong personalities and both sides have won their points to a certain degree while the public on the whole has been the gainer. The President has managed to force through certain legislation that he believed was needed and that there was serious doubt if Congress would enact. He has removed the postmaster from the realm of federal patronage and thus done more than any other president ever dared to do to antagonize the individual members who looked on these offices as the last remnant of the fast disappearing currency with which to pay political debts. He has forced through the rate bill, and while there may be some features of the measure that could be improved and will be improved in time, it is vastly in advance of no legislation at all, and that was what was looked for a fortnight before Congress met. The Free Alcohol Bill has gone through, promising to help the farmers of the whole country and to help the public greatly against one form of fuel extortion. The Statehood Bill has been a compromise and has brought satisfaction and dignity to two commonwealths and would have brought it to four but for the unreasonable opposition to the measure in Congress. The Pure Food Bill is a law and meat inspection has been added where it was sorely needed and where the public did not even suspect that the need existed. Although it has been a most notable congress and one that will necessarily go down in history as a monument to the forceful personality of the executive aside from the personal triumph of the Peace Conference and numerous other smaller matters, any one of which would have been enough to make an administration notable.

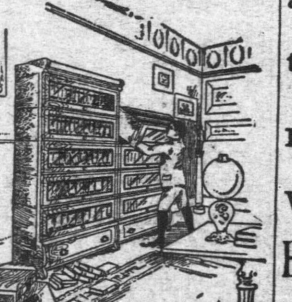
While one is looking over the retro-

spect, it is as well to take note of the remarkable series of national scandals and exposures, all of which, the exposures at least were more or less due to the fearless initiative of the President. It was the most deplorable series of public scandals that a nation has ever suffered, but it was infinitely better that they should eat at the national life in secret. There were more than half suspected by those "in the know" before official attention was ever called to them. But when they were once brought to the attention of the President, the word was passed that they were to be ferreted out without fear or favor and this was done, resulting in more than a score of prosecutions and half as many jail sentences while the end of the legal proceedings is not yet. But the Department itself is cleaned and chastened as a department seldom has been before.

The crop report exposures followed with remarkable swiftness resulting in an entire re-organization of that branch of the Department of Agriculture. The awakening of the public conscience was helped by the insurance exposures in New York which while not directly under federal supervision, were along the line of the same work. Then there were the inquiries into the Beef Combine by the Bureau of Corporations, resulting in the famous "immunity bill" face and then the swifter and more remarkable exposures of the Neill-Reynolds report. Side by side with these were the investigations of the Bureau of Corporations and the Interstate Commerce Commission into combinations of the coal and oil carrying roads and these like the others will be followed by a series of prosecutions that have already been outlined and that promise to be very effective in their execution. It may be stated that the good results coming from these investigations and prosecutions are more indirect than direct. The mere knowledge that the law was on its track was enough to force the dissolution of the Paper Trust. The coal roads have already begun an internal overhauling on their own account now they find the public knows how rotten were some of their conditions. The suits against the Tobacco Trust have already resulted in some good to the industry at large and it may be taken for granted that no corporation managers are going to venture very far inside the penitentiary when they know that there is a watchful eye and a ready hand to shut the door on them if they trespass over the line.

The rumor on Friday that there was a possibility of Congress adjourning on Friday that there was a possibility of Congress adjourning on Friday night, brought a crowd of visitors to the White House to say good-bye to the President before the Cabinet meeting, and a special train was held in readiness at the Depot to take him to Oyster Bay even if it were late at night before Congress finished up the session. The President has earned a good vacation if over an executive has while there is not the urgent need of it there would be in the case of a man who was not about as delicate and fragile as a grizzly bear, Mr. Roosevelt himself will welcome the change and the chance to get once more to his old life and to work of some of the best that has accumulated during the winter in Washington in spite of his constant tennis playing, walking and horseback riding. There will be an effort to keep just as much work for him as possible while he is at Sagamore Hill. But there is a certain amount of routine and special work that will be done at the White House, and the modest little executive office at Oyster Bay has been all fixed up in readiness for his coming and will in all probability see a considerable amount both of personal and public work done before the summer is over.

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